

Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2012

Lafayette County Human Services provides an array of cost effective, quality services, and community-based support for individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Advisory Committee members present: John Bartels, Carol Korn, Chris Parkinson, LEEAN White, Vicki Whitford, Leon Wolfe

LCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

Others present: Mary Jo Finkenbinder, George Hirsbrunner

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Leon Wolfe at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, City Library, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal.
- B. Motion by LEEAN White, second by Carol Korn to approve the amended agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by John Bartels, second by LEEAN White to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments were submitted.

III. Introduction of Potential COA Advisory Committee Candidates

- A. Ms. Chambers received two applications for the vacant board position. Mary Jo Finkenbinder and George Hirsbrunner gave a brief presentation of themselves. The COA Advisory Committee has an opening for a lay person.

After discussion, motion by John Bartels; second by LEEAN White to recommend Mary Jo Finkenbinder as their nomination to fill the vacated committee position to Jack Sauer and the County Board in September; carried with Chris Parkinson abstaining.

IV. Monthly Reports

- A. **Driver Escort**-June had 10 drivers for a total of \$1025.27. Ms. Chambers stated three drivers took the CPR recertification class held on June 27 and all three passed the class.
- B. **Transportation**-The month of June had 7 shopping trips. There was a trip to Mount Carroll, IL to a theatre show and the Manor had a fishing trip. Ms. Chambers stated the bus trips have been advertised on the Big Easy radio station as well.

Bus repairs for June were \$12.73 and fuel was \$1210.37.

The Transportation Surveys were completed in the month of July. Ms. Chambers indicated there were no negative comments. Questions on the survey included the following:

How often did you ride the bus? Were you picked up on time? Was the ride comfortable? Did you feel safe in the vehicle? Was the driver courteous? Was the person on the telephone who scheduled the ride courteous? Do you feel the current fare to ride the bus is reasonable? In general, how satisfied are you with this type of transportation service? Do you have any places, towns, events, etc. that you would like to go to? Do you have any concerns regarding the transportation program, vehicle, drivers or fee charged that you would like to tell us about?

- C. **Home Chore Program**-There was 17 clients served in June. There is currently no one on the wait list.
- D. **Upper Horizon**-The June newsletter costs \$761.91. Ms. Chambers reported she has called the Shopping News regarding delivery issues in the South Wayne area.
- E. **Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance**-The month of June had disbursement of \$405.00. Ms. Chambers stated the numbers for the Coffee Hour have increased in the past three months.
- F. **Lafayette County Nurses**-The June billing has not been received yet.

Medical Alerts-The cost for June was \$625.90 for medical alerts.

G. **ADRC**

Elder Benefit Specialist-The Elder Benefit Specialist is working with 31 individuals in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance and Financial. The monetary impact benefits: \$40,152.00. The EBS employee has been doing "Turning 65, Welcome to Medicare" workshops. She has also been presenting information on the EBS and ADRC programs to Foster Grandparent Program.

Disability Benefit Specialist-The Disability Benefit Specialist is working with 40 individuals in the areas of Medicaid, SSI/SSDI eligibility. The monetary impact benefits: \$80,928.00. The DBS is also assisting Grant County until they hire a DBS for their agency.

Information & Assistance Specialist-The I&A Specialists had 36 contacts in the areas of abuse and neglect, assistive technology, education, housing, in-home services, legal services and public benefits. The first "Stepping On" program has ended in Belmont with great success; ten individuals participated in the program. The next class will be held in Shullsburg.

- V. **SUN Program Report**-Ms. Chambers stated Cecile from the SUN Program has been working on the 2013 Budget. Cecile will be asking the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors for funds for the 2013 SUN Program. There was a discussion around whether any funds asked for would be included in the Human Services Budget; the Aging Budget; or if the request should be a line item of its own in the Lafayette County Budget. If this is to be included in the Human Services or Aging Budget; the request for funding will need to be included in their 2013 budgets.

On behalf of the Commission On Aging Advisory Committee; motion by Leean White; second by Vicki Whitford to propose a separate line item for any monies devoted to the SUN Program to be included in the 2013 Lafayette County Budget and not the 2013 Human Services or the 2013 Aging Budget; carried.

VI. **2013-2015 County Plan for Older People**-Ms. Chambers presented the proposed 2013-2015 County Plan for Older People. After discussing the plan; motion by Carol Korn; second by Leean White to approve the 2013-2105 County Plan for Older People and sent to GWAAR for approval; carried.

VII. **2013 Aging Budget**-Ms. Chambers reported a .9% increase in levy from the 2012 Aging Budget; noting an increase for personal care with the Health Department for \$5,000 and a decrease of \$2,700 for Driver Escort Transportation.

Motion by Vicki Whitford; second by Chris Parkinson to approve the proposed 2013 Aging Budget and forward to Finance; carried.

VIII. **Combining Human Services and Aging Budgets**-Ms. Chambers requested the Human Services and Aging Budgets be combined into one budget. Ms. Chambers indicated the Aging Budget monies **could not** be used for anything other than Aging programs. Putting the two budgets together would only be an accounting practice and would not interfere with any Aging programs.

After discussion, motion by Leean White, second by Vicki Whitford to keep the Aging Budget separate from the Human Services budget; carried.

IX. **Director's Report**

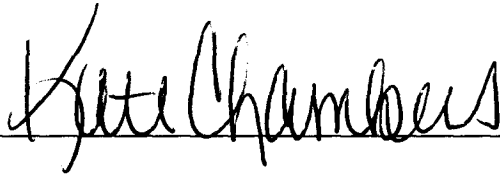
- A. Ms. Chambers reported receiving a phone call from Ashley of SWCAP on 8-9-2012 and the application for the two new buses (one large bus and one medium bus) has been approved; she is waiting for the confirmation letter yet. From here, Ms. Chambers will be looking at the bus specifications (along with Bobby Long) and ordering the items that are important for the Aging population. Discussion as to available places to house the new busses (Glendenning building across from the high school; Tom Jean building on Hwy 23 North as places mentioned).
- B. Ms. Chambers stated Leean White will be attending the Statesmanship Advocacy Training in Madison that is scheduled in November. Ms. White will also be attending the Wisconsin Aging Network Conference on September 20 & September 21 through the State Office of Aging scholarships for citizen board members. Motion by Carol Korn; second by John Bartels to pay for Ms. White's conference fees; carried.
- C. Ms. Chambers reported the ADRC has a newsletter called "The Mouth of the South". The newsletter contains events, local office updates, function team updates; staff corner, etc. for the consortium personnel.
- D. Ms. Chambers received two "Thank You's"; one from an individual who had not received the Upper Horizon and is now getting it; and the other from the Manor thanking Bobby for the bus tour of Lafayette County.

- E. Ms. Chambers reported the "Making Memories at the Best County Fair" was attended by approximately 120 people. There was live music, pictures taken, root beer floats and a Home Care Quilt raffle.
- F. Ms. Chambers reported Lafayette County, along with three other counties, will present the Caregiver Renewal Day scheduled for November 15, 2012 in Platteville.
- G. Ms. Chambers stated the ADRC will be joining the Emergency Preparedness Meetings and Planning sessions.

X. ADJOURN

- A. The next meeting was set for **Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**
- B. Motion by Carol Korn; second by John Bartels to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

Reviewed by

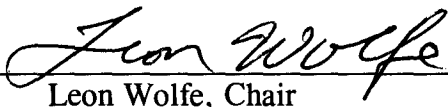


Kate Chambers, Aging Director

10-17-2012

Date

Approved by



Leon Wolfe, Chair

10-17-12

Date